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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants: M. KAMINAGA et al.  
Serial No.: 09/940,985  
Filed: August 29, 2001  
For: TAMPER-RESISTANT PROCESSING METHOD  
Group: 2137  
Examiner: Z. Davis

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

March 19, 2007

Sir:

Before examination on the merits and in response to the Final Rejection mailed October 19, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2.

**Remarks** are included following the amendments.